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REQUEST TO PROCESS A NON-ITEMIZED FEE DEFICIENCY  
BASED ON AN ERROR IN SMALL ENTITY STATUSCommissioner for Patents  
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Applicant respectfully requests that the small entity status currently assigned to this patent be updated to large entity status.

Applicant also requests that the 8<sup>th</sup> maintenance fee already paid by applicant and accepted under small entity status be accepted under large entity status and hereby authorizes payment of the following fees:

- (1) Payment for the balance of the 8<sup>th</sup> maintenance fee which includes an additional \$1240.00 for the maintenance fee and \$130.00 for the surcharge; and

(2) Processing fee under CFR Section 1.28(c)(3) of \$130.00 for processing the fee deficiency based on the error in small entity status.

Please charge these fees to Deposit Account No. 13-3723. Please also charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-3723.

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